

## State Aid for Public Libraries

Submitted by Allie Suko

The State Aid application process is open! State Aid applications must be submitted through the Counting Opinions website by April 30, 2025, for your library to be considered for State Aid funds. There have been no changes to the application since last year. For a refresher on the State Aid process and how to fill out the application form, visit the [North Dakota State Library YouTube channel](#) and watch the State Aid to Public Libraries Walk-Through 2024, or refer to the [State Aid LibGuide](#).

If you have any questions regarding your application, or issues with the Counting Opinions website, please contact Allie Suko at [nds-fiscal@nd.gov](mailto:nds-fiscal@nd.gov) or 701-328-2492.

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## Big Library Read "Uncommon Measure" by Natalie Hodges May 15-29

"Uncommon Measure" by Natalie Hodges is the featured title for the May Big Library Read, a digital book club connecting readers to the same e-book and e-audiobook at the same time - no waitlists, no holds - via the Libby App. Start reading and join the discussion between May 15 and 29.

"How does time shape consciousness, and consciousness, time? Do we live in time, or does time live in us? And how does music, with its patterns of rhythm and harmony, inform our experience of time?"



"'Uncommon Measure: Reflections on Music, Performance, and the Science of Time' explores these questions from the perspective of a young Korean American who dedicated herself to perfecting her art until, crippled by performance anxiety, she was forced to give up her dreams of becoming a career solo violinist. Anchoring her narrative in illuminating research in neuroscience and theories of quantum physics, Hodges traces her own passage through model-minority expectations and examines her immigrant mother's encounters with racism to come to terms with the meaning of a life in music. The lessons she learns enable her to move from anxiety toward acceptance, from rote re-creation toward the freedom of improvisation."

Visit <https://www.biglibraryread.com/marketing-materials/> for more information and marketing materials, including bookmarks, social graphics, flyers, and a press release about the Big Library Read Program.

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## Public Library Infographics

Now that the Public Libraries Survey is completed, the State Library is happy to provide a personalized infographic for your public library.

Based on the numbers provided in the survey, these infographics can include any statistics that are useful for your library, including the number of visits to your library, registered users, items in the collection, programs, circulations, etc.



If you would like an infographic for your public library, please fill out the form below.

[Request an Infographic](#)

## Digital Collection Spotlight

By Trevor Martinson

### North Dakota Atlases and Plat Books

"North Dakota Atlases and Plat Books" is a collection from the North Dakota State Library. It consists of historical atlases and plat books from counties in the state, primarily dating from the 1910s. All 53 counties are represented in the collection, although some counties only have more modern atlases from the 1960s and 1970s. The atlases themselves contain maps of the townships and cities within each county. The atlases also provide a window into the past and list the landowners at the time. High-resolution copies of the atlases are accessible online on [Digital Horizons](#).



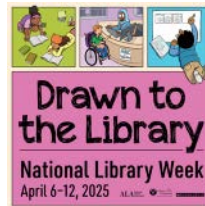
[View The Collection](#)

## BITS OF TRIVIA

By Stacey Goldade

### National Library Week

Welcome to a column devoted to library and book trivia! Last week was National Library Week (NLW) and the Honorary Chairs were Raina Telgemeier and Scott McCloud. NLW is a time to celebrate libraries, librarians and promote library use and support. According to the American Library Association, National Library Week began back in 1958. It was first coordinated by the National Book Committee, which was formed in 1954. Among their first goals was getting people motivated to read more, with the first theme being "Wake up and read". Some of my favorite themes over the years are "Reading is for everybody" and "America's greatest bargain...the library".



I hope you had a good National Library Week, but you know, you don't need a special week to enjoy reading and making use of the library's resources! I'm off to continue reading *Sandwich* by Catherine Newman, which we have in large print at the State Library.

[National Library Week](#)

## Pages of the Prairie

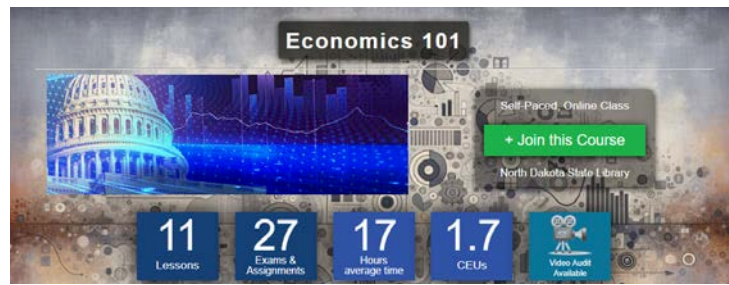
By Bethany Ranta



### Cankdeska Cikana Community College

Cankdeska Cikana (pronounced *Chauñ-GDEH-sh'kah CHEE-kah-nah*) Community College (CCCC) is a small Tribal college in Fort Totten, North Dakota, on the Spirit Lake Reservation. It is a public tribal land-grant community college accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. CCCC offers associate degrees in Business Administration, Indigenous Studies, Early Childhood Education, Fine Arts, Liberal Arts, Social Work, Natural Resource Management, and Pre-Engineering. They also offer certificates in Carpentry, Professional Driver Training - CDL, Dakota Language, and Administrative Assistant. They currently have 19 instructors and 253 enrolled students.

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## Economics 101

Submitted by Al Peterson

You can hardly turn on the news or read a news story without hearing the word, economics. Media pundits using soundbites and snippets often influence public perception about economics. Yet, how many people really understand economics. Economics is not just the study of wealth or financial dynamics; it's an examination of how societies manage resources, make choices, and address scarcity. Every day, consciously or not, individuals make economic decisions that ripple out into wider societal and global systems. How does someone gain an understanding of economics without having to take an Econ course in college? Universal Class offers an Economics 101 class that unlocks the mysteries of Economics.

This comprehensive course is designed to bridge the knowledge gap, providing a clear and engaging roadmap to the world of economics. These eleven classes offer learners a foundational grasp of economic concepts and their relevance, breaking down complex ideas into digestible modules. This course covers a wide spectrum of topics, from the historical roots of economics to its various schools of thought, and from the micro-level decisions of households to the macro-level dynamics that shape national economies. If you are interested in unraveling the complexities of economics and empowering yourself in a world where these principles play an ever-growing role, sign up for Economics 101 through Universal Class.

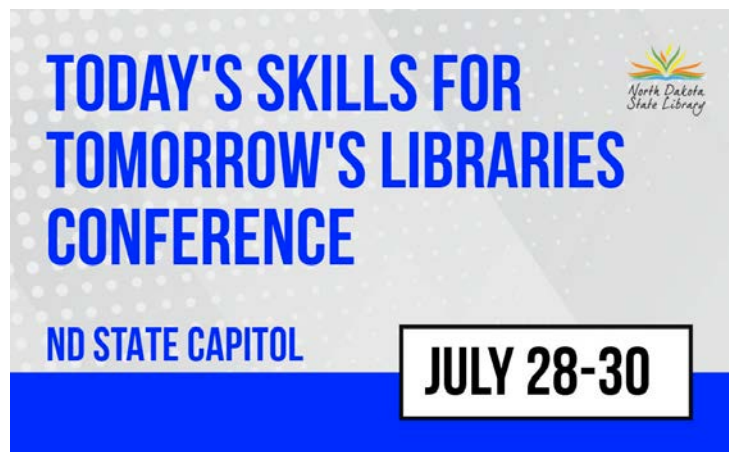
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[Bismarck State College Library](#) is hosting the "Transfer of Memory" exhibit, which tells the stories of Holocaust survivors who are living in Minnesota.

[Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library](#) has added radon detector kits to its "Library of Things" collection thanks to a partnership with the UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences and the American Cancer Society.

[McVie Community Library](#) hosted Lule Naas who shared insights from her recent trip to Ghana, Africa, as part of her experience with Rural Leadership North Dakota.



⚡ SEVERE SUMMER WEATHER ⚡

# COLORING CONTEST!

APRIL 28 - MAY 2



Love to color? So do we! Join the coloring contest while learning important safety tips for severe summer weather like tornadoes, lightning, floods, and heat.

Find the coloring sheets and return instructions at [NDResponse.gov](https://ndresponse.gov)



Emergency Services

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